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BANK MAIL ROBBERIES GET \$12,000

"Listening In" Feature Starts Thieves Loot Big Cash Consignment To First National

Package Containing \$12,000 in Twenty-Dollar Bills Opened and Magazine Paper Stuffed in Bundle From Federal Reserve in Los Angeles

U. S. GOVERNMENT MUST STAND THE WHOLE LOSS Registered Packages Containing \$30,000 in Los Angeles Postoffice All Day Sunday—Theft Revealed in Torrance Monday Morning

Mail robbers stole \$12,000 from a consignment of cash mailed Saturday night to the First National Bank of Torrance by the Federal Reserve Bank of Los Angeles. The theft was discovered Monday morning in Torrance by officials of the First National Bank. When the seals on a package supposed to contain \$12,000 in twenty-dollar bills was broken, the contents of the bundle were revealed to be white paper cut from magazines instead of money. Other packages, containing an aggregate of \$18,000, had not been tampered with.

The money was mailed Saturday night by the Federal Reserve Bank and was registered and insured. The packages containing the cash were in the Los Angeles postoffice all day Sunday and arrived in Torrance on the first mail Monday morning.

W. J. Howell of the Torrance postoffice delivered the packages to the First National Bank to be used to cash checks, Monday being payday at the Union Tool company.

When the packages were opened officials of the Federal Reserve Bank and the postoffice department were immediately notified of the theft. Postoffice inspectors rushed to Torrance at once.

Believe It "Inside Job" A scrutiny of the seals on the package from which the money was taken led postoffice inspectors and federal detectives to believe that the seals had been broken, the money removed and the magazine paper inserted, after which the package was sealed up again.

Federal authorities believe that the shift was made at the Los Angeles postoffice some time Sunday. "That the job was done by somebody 'on the inside' at the postoffice was the conclusion of the authorities after examining the packages. The First National Bank incurs no loss whatever because of the theft. The cash consignment was both registered and insured, and the government must stand the loss.

Postoffice inspectors believe it will be almost impossible to get finger prints from the package which was broken, because the bundle was handled so many times by so many different persons. The authorities, however, have taken possession of all the evidence and are working on several clues. Postoffice Inspector O. D. Lowe is in charge of the case.

RETURN FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor returned to Torrance Saturday night from an automobile trip of three weeks to the northwest. During the trip Mrs. Proctor was taken ill, but a rest of three days improved her condition and the automobile journey was resumed. Mr. Proctor went fishing one day. It cost him \$2.50. He caught just one very small fish.

J. P. MORGAN PLAYS LEADING ROLE IN REPARATIONS TANGLE



The leading figure in the German reparations situation is not Heriot, French premier, or MacDonald, British premier, but J. Pierpont Morgan, the American banker, who, though he denies it, is accused by allied leaders of attempting to dictate to the reparations conference now in session in London. Morgan is leader among the international bankers who propose to float a loan for Germany. This photo, made in Paris, shows Morgan (right) with H. H. Harjes, director of Morgan-Harjes, the Morgan bank in Paris.

POLITICAL POT BOILS OVER IN COUNTY CONTESTS

McClellan - Peck Supervisor Race Is On in Fourth District

FREDERICKS IS ACTIVE Name of Congressman on Both Ballots for Aug. 26 Election

The political pot is boiling over in Los Angeles county. The barrage of political propaganda and argument is assailing the ears of voters. Candidates are flooding the newspapers with mail, setting forth why this individual or that individual should be elected—and most of the letters go into the wastebasket.

The general primary election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26, when judges, supervisors, state representatives and a congressman will be nominated.

In the Fourth supervisorial district Supervisor McClellan is opposed for re-election by Walter Peck, former mayor of Compton.

Congressman John D. Fredericks' friends will conduct his campaign against Councilman Ralph Criswell and hope to elect Mr. Fredericks at the primary. Mr. Fredericks' name is on both the Republican and Democratic ballots.

The long list of nonpartisan candidates who are seeking judgeships in the superior court reads almost like the roster of the Los Angeles Bar Association.

In the Second supervisorial district J. H. Bean is without opposition for re-election.

A complete list of candidates whose names will appear on the ballots follows:

Nonpartisan Offices

The nonpartisan offices are as follows:

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FINE PRIZES ANNOUNCED ON PAGE THREE

Whole Family Will Enjoy Contest Which Begins in Today's Paper

CHILDREN WILL LIKE IT Full Details of Enjoyable Game Given on Inside Page of This Issue

The long promised feature, "Listening In," makes its appearance in today's issue. It is a fascinating game, one that the whole family will enjoy, for who is there that doesn't enjoy playing games? And this game is well worth while; time spent on it will be more than well repaid if you win one of the valuable prizes offered absolutely free.

The game is so simple that a child can understand it. It consists merely of reading the little write-ups concerning the merchants of Torrance, Lomita, Keystone and Harbor City, to be found on page 3 of this issue, and answering the questions contained therein. There is no guess work about it, for the answer is easily obtainable. Use your ingenuity about how to get it. Then send your answers to the Herald office, addressed to the "Listening In Editor." Full and complete information concerning details will be found on page 2. Read directions carefully and comply with them to the letter. The Herald is proud of the prizes offered in this contest. They are valuable, and include orders for photographs, merchandise, tickets for the races, and even an instant payment on a new Chevrolet. Any one of the valuable prizes is worth while winning, so get busy at once, for this is a time when speed as well as intelligence counts.

Observations

Roosevelt, the Mental Snob—Radio—Two Disappointed Fixers—Firearms and Crime—Joseph Conrad; Stronger Women, Better Children

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

READING Theodore Roosevelt's letter to his sister, starting when Teddy was a boy and continuing throughout his long public career, convinces one that the great president was an intellectual snob. Time after time he wrote to his sister that he positively would not associate with dull people who bored him. Born in an aristocratic family, T. R. shocked all his relatives by entering politics. They asserted that he was dragging down the family name. But though he may have been an intellectual snob, Roosevelt was not the man to misjudge real human values. He knew full well that he brought no discredit on his family, by serving his country. Nevertheless he simply would not tolerate mental dullness in his associates. Those who could contribute nothing of interest to the Roosevelt mind usually failed to get a second chance to bore T. R.

Yet he was not a snob in the generally accepted sense of the word. The man who could interest Roosevelt did not have to worry about his social position. Roosevelt got more enjoyment out of non-erudite trappers and hunters than he did out of dull but wealthy social leaders.

He chose his companions according to a belief in the truth that there is only one real aristocracy—aristocracy of the mind.

ON Friday we will publish the first article of a regular radio feature written exclusively for our readers by E. F. DeBra, radio expert of Torrance. Radio has become a national institution. Receiving sets are as common in modern homes as electric flatirons. In a very short time every home will have its radio set.

The marvelous growth of the radio industry indicates the amazing receptiveness of the American people to something new. In 1921 the volume of radio business done in the United States was \$5,000,000. The next year it was \$60,000,000. That figure was doubled in 1923. It is estimated that this year's business will approximate \$350,000,000.

This amazing growth clinches the argument that radio is no longer a fad, but an accepted institution, solidly entrenched in American life.

Because so many of our readers are interested in radio, we induced Mr. DeBra to conduct a regular radio department. Questions directed to him on technical radio subjects will be answered in each issue.

LEUT. LEIGH WADE and Sergt. Hank Ogden are permanently out of the world flight. Their plane was wrecked when being lifted from the surface of the North Sea to the decks of the cruiser Richmond. The two men stood on the deck of the ship and saw their hopes of finishing the flight go glimmering. After completing more than two-thirds of the round-the-world air voyage the disappointment of the two men at the wrecking of the plane must have been acute and bitter. They have what consolation there is in knowing that they were eliminated through no fault of their own.

POLICE chiefs in international convention at Montreal passed a resolution recommending an amendment to the constitution restricting the manufacture and sale of firearms. The police chiefs know that the best way to reduce the number of shootings is to make it difficult for anyone to buy a gun.

Published in a city where handily and murder run rampant, the Chicago Tribune for years has preached the restricting of the sale of firearms. Now that the chiefs of police have recommended the same thing, perhaps our lawmakers will heed the expert advice. The police know what they are recommending. They know that the proposed restrictions would not put a stop to all gun-toting any more than prohibition has completely eliminated drinking. But they also know that restrictions would reduce the number of gun-toters, which in itself would reduce the numbers of shootings.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUGHES is in Europe. It is to be hoped that the European statesmen will not inveigle him into a parody. He might pledge us to another treaty which will enable England to object because we wish to make the range of our naval guns equal to those of Johnny Bull.

THOUSANDS of lovers of sea stories today mourn the death of Joseph Conrad, whose tales and yarns of life on the briny deep have entertained men and women of all countries during the past few decades.

Conrad leaves the world a rich legacy. If he had written nothing but "Lord Jim" he would deserve an everlasting place in the hearts of lovers of good books about the sea. There is a treat in store for anyone who has not read Conrad's works.

IT must have been with mixed emotions that Justice Cox, Orange county's terror to speeders, accepted his own release from the hands of the law when arrested at Corona for fast driving. It seems less than consistent for the judge who has fined and sentenced so many violators of Santa Ana's traffic ordinances to blandly accept his own release by an officer who happened to be "a good fellow." It would have been more in keeping with the dignity of his own position had he insisted that the ticket be written and that he appear in court to face the charge. After being allowed to go uncharged, he must have felt somewhat embarrassed Monday morning when he sat on the bench and faced the usual throng of speeders at Santa Ana.

A SURVEY of girl students at five leading women's colleges shows that the willowy type of damsel is disappearing from American life. Emancipated from corsets, no longer expected to be a mere parlor decoration, the American girl has taken to tennis, golf, swimming and other outdoor sports. The result is a stronger type of American woman, full chested, physically fit. That means much to the strength of future generations. Strong women bear strong children.

LARGE NATIONAL ADVERTISER CONGRATULATES THIS PAPER ON INCREASED CIRCULATION

Increased circulation of The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News has attracted the attention of national advertisers. A letter received by the Lomita-Torrance Publishing Company from the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, O., was in response to a letter notifying the tire manufacturing concern of the expiration of their advertising contract and higher rates for foreign advertising due to increased circulation. The letter follows: Mr. G. C. Whyte, Lomita-Torrance Publ. Com., 1419-1421 Marcelina St., Torrance, Calif. Dear Mr. Whyte: Replying to your interesting letter of July 19, the information you give us is perfectly satisfactory and we have changed the rate on our rec-

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Citizens Protest Against Paving of Residence Alleys

Fifty Voices Opposition at Trustees' Meeting and present Petition Representing 10,000 Feet Frontage of Property in Torrance

BOARD IS PLEASED TO HEAR THE POPULAR VOICE

Pass Resolution Halting Engineer's Proceedings and Officially Agree Not to Pave Alleys Objected to by Majority of Owners

Protesting against the paving of alleys in the residence district of Torrance, approximately fifty citizens appeared at last night's meeting of the board of trustees armed with petitions signed by owners representing upwards of 10,000 feet of city property.

Mrs. Mary Price, Mrs. Anthony Zahradnik, Helen McManis and others spoke against the tentatively proposed improvement. The petitions did not object to the paving of alleys in the business district.

Members of the board of trustees made it plain that while the board had instructed the city engineer to prepare estimates and proceedings for the proposed improvements, no official declaration of intention to proceed with the actual work has been passed by the trustees.

"It was to bring about just such a voicing of public sentiment as is being voiced tonight," said Trustee J. S. Torrance, "that the board instructed the engineer to start proceedings."

Other members of the board said that they would not favor the paving of alleys to which a majority of property owners objected.

Trustee DeIninger moved that the engineer's work be halted pending investigation of the petitions and that more petitions either favoring or against the proposed improvements be received at the next meeting.

The petition protesting against the paving of residence district alleys reads as follows:

"We the undersigned property owners and taxpayers of the city of Torrance do hereby protest against the paving of alleys in the residence district bounded by

Plaza del Amo, Madrid avenue, Dominguez avenue and Border avenue in the city of Torrance, as many of us are under a burden of expense in having to pay for the paving of Manuel avenue, Marina avenue, Watson avenue, Gramercy avenue, et al.

"We would like to see Torrance grow and prosper, but believe this will not be accomplished if this unnecessary expense is put upon the people, for the property owner, in order to get a fair and reasonable rate of interest on his money invested, will have to raise rentals to an amount which the majority of renters cannot afford to pay, with the result that they will go elsewhere to live and Torrance will be the loser both in population and trade. We also believe that the paving of these alleyways at this time will entail a hardship upon the home-owners who are endeavoring to pay for their homes."

"We therefore protest this paving being done until a majority of property owners request or demand it."

When the petitions were presented Trustee James Fitzhugh said "I will, we thought, as people wanted the alleys paved."

"What made you think that?" said Mr. Klusman. "A regular petition signed by property owners," said Mr. Fitzhugh.

All the trustees expressed themselves unofficially as opposed to the paving of any alleys to which a majority of property owners object. At the same time the board is ready to proceed with the improvement of individual alleyways for which a majority of the property owners petition.

Barnett Takes Up Cudgel for Local Schools

I. W. Barnett, principal of the Torrance high school, denies the statement made to the school committee of the Torrance Progress Club that a graduate from Torrance high was refused admission to the University of California. In support of his contention Mr. Barnett produces the following letter from L. A. Maveck, recorder of the Southern Branch, University of California: "Mr. I. W. Barnett, Principal, Torrance High School, Torrance, California. Dear Mr. Barnett: To date we have not received an application for admission from Albert Isestein. The Torrance high school is on the accredited list. Very truly yours, "L. A. MAVERICK, Recorder."

Mr. Barnett today made the following statement to The Herald: "The statement that Torrance high school credits are not accepted by the University of California has been given a great deal of publicity of late. It has been also positively affirmed that Albert Isestein, of the class of 1923, was refused admission on account of the limited course and low standing of the high school as it is now being conducted under the Los Angeles school system."

"In order that any pupil from an accredited high school may enter the State University, an application for admission must be made to the principal of the high school from which the pupil graduated. The principal in turn makes out recommendations on a blank furnished by the university. No such application has been made by the above pupil, nor has such a recommendation been signed by the principal for any pupil recently."

Mr. Barnett's statement from the university that no such application has been received, also a statement that the Torrance high school is on the accredited list. Being on the accredited list means that Torrance high school graduates who

are refused admission to the University of California are not being refused admission on account of the limited course and low standing of the high school as it is now being conducted under the Los Angeles school system."

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Visitors Beat Tool Bowlers Here Saturday

Bowlers representing the Christopher Ice Cream Company defeated the Union Tool team at the American alleys here Saturday night by a score of 2720 to 2591. The Torrance men won two games out of the three, but were unable to overcome the lead piled up by the Christopher outfit in the first game. With three scores of more than 200, Seibel of the visiting aggregation piled up a total of 630. The score follows:

Christopher	
McKinley	200 154 186
Porter	175 133 146
Honley	196 190 252
Seibel	214 215 201
Wright	192 178 193
Totals	972 870 878-2720

Union Tool Co.	
Stanger	137 175 171
Templeton	135 210 151
O'Connell	160 179 205
Mason	148 154 206
Pratt	137 173 180
Totals	767 891 913-2571

That a fight over the assessments for payment of the paving of Western avenue is looming large on the Torrance political horizon was indicated at last night's meeting of the board of trustees when W. T. Klusman asked when the assessment rolls would be completed.

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Fred Baker, Shot By Williams, Is Greatly Improved

Fred Baker, who was shot a week ago last Sunday night by Orville Williams, is slowly improving, according to Mrs. Baker. While the condition of the Union Tool Company employe is by no means satisfactory as yet, his steady improvement indicates that he is out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. May Return From North

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. May and son Robert have returned from touring and camping trip in Oregon and Washington, where they enjoyed splendid fishing. Mr. May reports that he took a count of 500 ars between Portland and Seattle, and 60 out of 100 were from California. Another count of 500 between Portland and Mexico showed 50 per cent with California license plates. Mr. May was impressed with the large number of cars from California in the northwest as a testimonial to the drawing power of advertising. The northwest has advertised extensively through California during the past eight months.

BUSINESS MEN TO MEET

The Torrance Business Men's Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the new Chamber of Commerce office in the Dominguez Land Corporation building. Persons having accounts against the association are requested to be present.

Narbonne Ave. Pop Merchant Faces Charge

G. Fuggitt, Narbonne avenue dispenser of soft drinks, is out under bond of \$300 on a charge of possessing and selling liquor. Torrance police and Deputy Taber arrested Fuggitt Saturday morning. They assert that one of the officers in plain clothes made a purchase of bootleg liquor at the "soft" drink stand.

J. D. Dill Shows 75 - Pound Melon; Names 'Long Green'

J. D. Dill of 820 Portola avenue is displaying the largest watermelon ever seen in Torrance. He has named it "Long Green" on account of its size, shape, weight and natural color. The big melon is almost three feet long, weighs 75 pounds, and is sound as a dollar. It was expressed to Mr. Dill by his brother, J. W. Dill, of Weatherford, Tex. The Torrance man's address was scratched on the melon and it came through unscathed but sound.

Ellinwood Well Is Now Down 4400 Ft.

The Standard Oil company has landed water string in Ellinwood No. 1, the southwestern outpost well field, at 4400 feet. The Ellinwood has been a producer, but the company decided to deepen the hole on account of the well's small yield.

Theatre Man's Car Stolen in Lomita

C. R. Bronson, of the Lomita theatre, reports to Constable G. H. Taber that his Ford touring car was stolen from in front of the theatre Sunday night. The license number is 607-357, and the engine number is 2983063.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS, NOTICE

A meeting of the Royal Neighbors will be held Wednesday evening, Aug. 6, in the new Moose hall on Carson street. A full attendance is desired.